



# THE PARKS REPORT

A Monthly Summary of Birmingham's System of Parks & Recreation Facilities



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The City of Birmingham Park and Recreation/ District 2 Family Fishing Rodeo returns to East Lake Park on Saturday, June 5, 2021, from 8 a.m. - 1 p.m. Free.



One Pratt Park

## A Park Rises From the Rubble

One Pratt Park, 6.5 acres of green space, paths, playground, splash pad and rentable community center, was visioned as a catalyst for change and development in a Pratt City community devastated by a tornado that was one of many that criss-crossed the state on April 27, 2011. The extensive loss of property led many to doubt the community's will to rebuild.

The naysayers were wrong.

Call 205-254-2556 to reserve One Pratt Park for your event.

*"Play is the highest expression of human development in childhood for it alone is the free expression of what is in a child's soul."*  
—Friedrich Frobel

## Catch A Keeper

Despite a pandemic induced break from the action in 2020, the Birmingham Park and Recreation/District 2 Family Fishing Rodeo returns to East Lake Park on June 5—slimy catfish, icky worms and all.

Avid and newbie anglers alike can expect to find a well-stocked lake and many of the fun activities and participating local organizations that have helped to make the Family Fishing Rodeo the largest community fishing event in

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## #TheMagicofPlay

Birmingham Park and Recreation venues offer rental space for seminars, weddings, parties, workshops and other activities...

### VENUE:

Botanical Gardens  
Recreation + Sports Facilities  
Open Park Reservations

### APRIL REVENUE:

\$11,430.50  
\$23,135.00  
\$6,330.00



Revenue from reservations in April 2021 totaled \$40,895.50

## April Park Maintenance by the Numbers

**HORTICULTURE CREW:** prepared ball fields for tournament play at *Cooper Green Baseball Complex, George Ward Softball Complex, Ensley and Memorial*; cut grass, cleaned facilities, prepared fields at *George Ward and Memorial* for Easter Tournament; cut grass, cleaned facility, prepared field at *Cooper Green* for Birmingham City Schools play; cleaned 3,894.54 acres of parks; cut 1,655.48 acres of parks; removed 935 bags of litter from parks; delivered 459.02 tons of trash to the landfill; cut grass, cleaned and prepared *Legion Field Stadium* for the Magic City Classic; graded lots F and M at Legion Field; **SPECIAL EVENTS:** neighborhood clean-up activities at *Avondale Park, Fountain Heights Park, 4th Avenue History Park and Kelly Ingram Park*; prepared for reservations at *W.C. Patton Park, Kiwanis Vulcan Trail, McLendon Park, George Ward Park, East Lake Park, Avondale Amphitheater, Avondale Villa, Norwood Park, Bradford Park, Underwood Park, East Pinson Valley, and Marconi Park*; **MAINTENANCE:** crews installed picnic tables and trash cans at *Roosevelt City Park*; installed basketball goals at *Barker Park, Elyton Park, McLendon Park, West Goldwire Park, Grayson Park, Fountain Heights Park, Marconi Park, North Birmingham Park, Norwood Park, Sherman Heights Park, Wahouma Park, Rozelle Reynolds Park, Willow Wood Park, Greenwood Park, Hooper City Park, Smithfield Park, North Pratt Park, Howze-Sanford Park, Minnieville Park, Inglenook Park, Harriman Park, Maclin Park, Fairview Park, Downey Park, Pine Knoll Park, Germania Park and Tuxedo Park*; crews installed swings at *McAlpine, Ensley, Minnieville, Spring Water, Dolomite, Smithfield, Ellsberry, Avondale, Lowery, Fountain Heights, Elyton, Memorial, Exchange, Alma Dennis, Norwood, West Goldwire, Hillman, McLendon, Lewis, Avondale, Underwood, Wahouma, Greenwood, North Birmingham, Clairmont, Grayson, Downey and Inglenook* parks; crews repaired locks and doors at *Avondale, Roosevelt City, North Birmingham, Legion Field Stadium, Central Park and Oxmoor Valley* facilities; **PLUMBERS:** repairs made at *Martin Luther King Jr., Rickwood, Legion Field Stadium, Avondale and Roosevelt City* facilities; **PAINT CREW:** prepared *Legion Field* for UAB Spring Game and Magic City Classic.



The Birmingham Park and Recreation Board and Legion Field Stadium staff extend congratulations to the more than 1,800 students of the recent UAB 2021 graduating class who attended graduation ceremonies at Legion Field Stadium on April 30 and May 1.

**Go Blazers! #WinAsOne**



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the state. Plus, this year representatives from World Games 2022 will be on-site with activities and plenty of good information on next year's not-to-be-missed games.

More than 3,000 pounds of catfish will be added to the lake specially for the event, and participants are welcome to hook and fry as many as they can wrangle unto dry land.

The Family Fishing Rodeo is free, but participants must bring their own favorite fishing gear and bait. Food and beverages will be available for purchase from Milo's and other vendors.

And because the early catfish gets the worm, the fun starts at 8:00 a.m.



## UPCOMING

**May 15,** FC Birmingham Legion FC , Legion Field.

**June 5,** Birmingham Park and Recreation/District 2 Family Fishing Rodeo, East Lake Park.

**June 7,** start of Park and Recreation Summer Camp.